Subsequently Tatas have acquired around 20% equity through public offerings as per SEBI guidelines and they own about 44.9% equity and the Government owns 26.12% and about 1.6% is held by employees. The rest is being held by general public including ADR issue.

The Government has taken all the decisions relating to VSNL in accordance with the provisions made in Shareholders Agreement (SHA) and Share Purchase Agreement (SPA). No unviable decision has been forced upon VSNL by the Government.

Cultural Heritage Digital Library

1665. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 86 lakh to the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) to create a cultural heritage digital library in Hindi as reported in the Press;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider creating similar heritage digital library in other languages, including Telugu to be used by all the citizens of the country;

(d) if so, whether Government have fixed any time-frame for such an exercise; and

(e) what are the other areas to be covered therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has been assigned the responsibility of Development of Cultural Heritage Digital Library in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarachal. This is in line with the Action Plan-I, recommendations of the National Task Force on Information Technology and Software Development.

(c) to (e) For other languages, presently there is no such proposal.